

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey, on February 14, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)  
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Pat Connell (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 17, 1/23/2017; SR 23, 2/3/2017; SR 25, 1/30/2017

00:00:05 Chair Buttrey

**Committee Business:**

00:01:32 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:01:59 Chair Buttrey

00:02:04 Mr. Walker, LSD

00:02:28 Chair Buttrey

00:02:46 Sen. Connell

00:03:08 Chair Buttrey

00:03:47 Chair Buttrey left the hearing. Vice Chair Brown assumed the role of chair.

00:04:09 Brief Recess

00:08:06 Reconvened

00:08:08 Chair Brown

**HEARING ON SR 17**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:08:16 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SR 17. Confirm Governor's appointee to Board of Outfitters.

[EXHIBIT\(bus32a01\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:10:06 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

[EXHIBIT\(bus32a02\)](#)

00:13:13 Mac Minard, executive director, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:14:38 Sen. Facey

00:14:55 Mr. Minard, MOGA

00:15:47 Sen. Facey

00:15:58 Chair Brown

00:16:26 Ms. Johnson, MOGA

00:17:32 Sen. Vance

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:17:59 Sen. Buttrey

**HEARING ON SR 23**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:18:50 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SR 23. Confirm Governor's appointees to boards related to business.

**Board of Funeral Service**

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Board of Optometry**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:26:02 Pete Fontana, Board of Optometry

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Board of Personnel Appeals**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:26:57 Dave Severson, Montana Education Association and the Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:28:17 Sen. Connell  
00:28:22 Mr. Severson  
00:28:53 Chair Brown  
00:29:23 Mr. Fontana  
00:29:43 Chair Brown  
00:29:48 Sen. Buttrey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:30:18 Sen. Buttrey

**HEARING ON SR 25**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:30:50 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SR 25. Confirm Governor's appointees related to architecture, engineering, real estate.

**Board of Architects and Landscape Architects**

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Board of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors**

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Board of Real Estate Appraisers**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:46:14 Pete Fontana, vice chair, Industry member, Board of Real Estate Appraisers

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Board of Realty Regulation**

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:47:48 Sen. Connell

00:48:42 Chair Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:49:06 Sen. Buttrey

00:49:56 Chair Brown

00:50:10 Chair Buttrey resumed the role of Chair.

**Committee Business:**

00:51:07 Sen. Connell

00:52:06 Sen. Facey

00:52:23 Chair Buttrey

00:53:32 Sen. Facey

00:53:39 Sen. Vance

00:53:42 Chair Buttrey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 8:55 AM

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([bus32aad.pdf](#))